

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 941
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on State Route 133 in Johnson County in honor of James C. "Jim" Hutchinson.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this general assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the improvement of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than James C. "Jim" Hutchinson, one of Johnson County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, an outstanding gentleman who exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Mr. Jim Hutchinson served with distinction for thirty years as a Johnson County Magistrate, from 1948 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hutchinson is a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, who has worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Johnson County as a public servant and as a spiritual leader; and

WHEREAS, Jim Hutchinson has also served his fellow citizens faithfully in numerous other capacities, and he played an instrumental role in building the bridge to be named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of his meritorious service as a Johnson County Magistrate, the Johnson County Commission has memorialized this body to name a certain bridge on State Route 133 to permanently commemorate Mr. Hutchinson's bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that the bridge at mile marker three (3) on State Route 133 in Shady Valley, in Johnson County, is hereby designated as the "James C. 'Jim' Hutchinson Bridge," in recognition of an outstanding public servant who exemplifies the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge at mile marker three (3) on State Route 133 in Shady Valley, Johnson County, as the "James C. 'Jim' Hutchinson Bridge."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if Johnson County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Johnson County shall make payment of the estimated cost prior to any expenditure by the State for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Johnson County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Johnson County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the Commissioner of Transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.